

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Lines 15-23 on Page 7 with the following amended lines:

target object T. Illumination assembly ~~[[20]]~~ [[21]] may comprise, for example, laser or light emitting diodes (LEDs) such as white LEDs or red LEDs. Illumination assembly ~~[[20]]~~ [[21]] may include target illumination and optics for projecting an aiming pattern on target T. Illumination assembly ~~[[20]]~~ [[21]] may be eliminated if ambient light levels are certain to be high enough to allow high quality images of object T to be taken. Illumination assembly ~~[[20]]~~ [[21]] may also be located remote from reader housing 11, at a location so as to eliminate or reduce specular

Please replace Line 1 on Page 8 with the following amended line:

reflections. ~~An imaging~~ Imaging assembly ~~[[33]]~~ of reader 10 may include an image sensor